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Quick Facts

- The Grier Professorship is awarded every four years to an excellent classroom teacher who is highly imaginative, dependable and in command of his or her discipline.
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Lou Pantuosco

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - **Economics Professor Lou Pantuosco** was selected as the **William H. Grier Professor** for Winthrop University's **College of Business Administration**.

The **Grier Professorship** is awarded every four years to an excellent classroom teacher who is highly imaginative, dependable and in command of his or her discipline. The endowed slot was previously held by **Economics Professor Gary Stone** and **Marketing Professor Jane Thomas**.

Established in 1993, the designation honors the memory of **Grier**, a long-time member and chair of the Winthrop Board of Trustees, and the first male recipient of an honorary degree from the College of Business Administration.

Roger D. Weikle, dean of the **College of Business Administration**, said Pantuosco is a great teacher, prolific scholar and a willing servant to the university. "His personal ethics are above reproach and his work in the youth sports community has direct impact on lives and the university community," Weikle said, noting that one monumental contribution by Pantuosco was a detailed and thorough **Economic Impact Study** of Winthrop's contribution to the local and state economies. It was presented to the S.C. General Assembly by Winthrop to justify budget increases.

Pantuosco's course load covers a full range of business administration classes including labor economics, money and banking, managerial economics, micro and macroeconomics. He received the **College of Business Administration's Wachovia teaching award**, now called the Wells Fargo award, in 2001. His research portfolio consists of analysis of labor markets, job creation, unions, education funding, wages and discrimination. His most recent article which analyzed the impact of race on salaries in professional baseball received media attention.

During his tenure at Winthrop, **Pantuosco** has published nearly 40 articles, while co-authoring with 10 different faculty members. He has been the lead author on more than 30 articles, a book and a book chapter.

Pantuosco has worked to establish a strong connection among teaching, intellectual contributions, professional service and university service. "My work in these areas is highly integrated and it is often difficult to discern where teaching ends and research and service begin," he said. "I have always considered myself a servant to the university and the community. I enjoy helping people and using my time to support others as they work toward achieving their goals."

Pantuosco joined the Winthrop faculty in 1997. He completed his Ph.D. in economics from

Pantuosco is well known in the community for his work with young soccer players. Having won two national championships as a college player, he now coaches and conducts camps which allow him to reach hundreds of players each year. His camps have served more than 30,000 players since its inception. Pantuosco also is involved with Lake Pointe Academy, Clover High School and various organizations. He leads a Bible study group and is active with Sharing the Sword Ministries.

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